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SUBJECT: INDIA-PAKISTAN-BANGLADESH RELATIONS

1. IN COURSE OF MEETING SEPT 5 AT QUETTA, PRIMIN BHUTTO REAFFIRMED TO ME HIS SATISFACTION OVER AUGUST 28 DELHI AGREEMENT. HE WAS HOPEFUL THAT EXCHANGES OF PERSONS COULD BE COMPLETED IN THREE-FOUR MONTHS AND INDICATED GENERAL DESIRE MOVE AHEAD ON VARIOUS FURTHER STEPS IN INDO-PAK RELATIONS FORESEEN LAST YEAR AT SIMLA. HE SAID HE ALSO HOPED TO BE ABLE GET ON WITH ADDITIONAL STEPS IN NORMALIZING RELATIONS WITH BDG. HE THOUGHT CLIMATE FOR SUCH CHANGE HAD IMPROVED IN BANGLADESH AND ASKED ME WHAT WE TMIUGHT. I SAID THE MOST RECENT REPORTING I HAD SEEN FROM DACCA DID INDICATE AN INCREASED FEELING IN BANGLADESH THAT ONE SHOULD NOW LOOK MORE TO FUTURE THAN TO PAST AND THAT THIS OFFERED HOPE FOR IMPROVEMENT IN PAKISTAN-BANGLADESH RELATIONS. BHUTTO VOLUNTEERED THAT IF PRIMIN
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MUJIBUR RAHMAN SHOULD TAKE AN EARLY DECISION AND ANNOUNCE

THAT BANGLADESH GOVT WAS GIVING UP PLANS FOR TRIALS OF
PAKISTANI POWS, BHUTTO COULD ENVISAGE BANGLADESH'S ENTRY
INTO UN EVEN AT FORTHCOMING UNGA.

2. REFERRING TO MINISTATE AZIZ AHMED'S RECENT TRIP TO
PEKING, I ASKED HOW PRC VIEWED SITUATION. BHUTTO SAID HE
THOUGHT PEKING WANTED TO NORMALIZE RELATIOS WITH BANGLA-
DESH BUT WAS NOT IN ANY GREAT HURRY TO MOVE. CHINESE
HAD EXPRESSED VIEW THAT UN RESES OF DEC 1971 STILL HAD
TO BE COMPLIED WITH; THIS WA APPARENT REFERENCE TO NEED
FOR PAK POWS TO BE PHYSICALLY REPATRIATED TO PAKISTAN.
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